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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ballistic Missiles and Space Division, OSI

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED] Non-Soviet Weapons Branch

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT: Construction Activity in Vicinity of Suntsun and
Tungling, China

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement C-SI-5-82,229
(b) CIA/PID Project 30208-5

1. This memorandum is in partial response to your requirement dated 25 January 1965 requesting a detailed search within a 25 mile radius of 17 locations in China to determine the existence of any construction activity that may have guided missile or nuclear energy significance.

2. This memorandum describes construction activity in the vicinity of two of the requested locations, i.e. Suntsun, Anhui (31-06N 118-06E) and Tungling, Anhui (30-56N 117-47E). Since these locations are only 15 nm apart they were combined into one large search area.

3. The following construction activity was observed. Although no missile or nuclear energy significance can be determined, some of this construction activity may account for the reported appearance of military engineer units in this area.

a. WUHU-TUNGHLING Railroad (31-20N 118-23E -- 30-57N 117-47E)
A railroad, approximately 27 nm long, has been constructed and is in operation from Wuhu southwest to Chung-Ming-Chieh, a small village 10 nm southwest of Fanchang (31-05N 118-11E). Beyond Chung-Ming-Chieh the roadbed has been constructed for an additional seven miles in the direction of Tungling, but rails have not been laid, bridges have not been constructed, and the project appears inactive. Only five more miles are required to connect with the railroad in the Tungling area, but the railroad would have to cross low-lying areas subject to flooding. Possibly these flooding conditions have imposed engineering problems that have resulted in a delay in railroad construction.

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Approximately 45 nm of relatively recent road construction is evident in this area, possibly associated with the power plant and dam construction project. The 12 nm road from Fanchang (31-05N 118-12E) to Nanling (30-55N 118-20E) has been improved and a new road, approximately 35 nm long has been constructed from Nanling, via Ching-Hsien (30-42N 118-23E) to the dam and power plant construction project. Photo references: [REDACTED]
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4. The following items of intelligence interest were also noted in this search area. No major new construction was apparent in the vicinity of these targets, but they may have been inspected by engineering officials.

a. WUHU City (31-20N 118-23E) A major rail terminus and port on the Yangtze River. Photo references: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

b. WUHU Airfield (31-24N 118-25E) A major military airfield. In addition to 25 Fagot/Fresco aircraft, nine Fishbed aircraft were observed here in [REDACTED]. This is one of the few airfields in China where the high-performance Fishbed aircraft have been seen. Photo references: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

c. WUHU/BSU HO-SHAN Thermal Power Plant (31-26N 118-21E) One of the largest thermal power plants in Anhui Province. Photo references: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

d. YU-CHI-KOU Port Facility (31-27N 118-18E) Constructed with Soviet assistance, this is one of the most modern river ports in China. Photo references: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

e. TI-CHIANG Iron Mine (31-07N 118-00E) Photo references: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

f. TA-TUNG Iron Mine (30-49N 117-44E) Photo references: [REDACTED]
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Each of these iron mines has a 4-5 nm railroad leading from the mining areas to minor river ports.

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5. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be
contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have questions concerning this project.

6. This project is still in progress and is not considered to be
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